

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1785 - HB 1840

March 3, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the State Fire Marshal from adopting mandatory sprinkler requirements for churches with a seating capacity less than 400. Prohibits a local government from adopting more stringent requirements for churches with a seating capacity less than 400.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI), the current minimum building construction and fire safety standards in Tennessee adopted by the State Fire Marshal require sprinkler systems in churches with an occupancy load of 300 or more people.
- Based on information provided by DCI, any impact to DCI resulting from prohibiting mandatory requirements for churches with a capacity less than 400 is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact on local government operations is estimated to be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Any impact to commerce or jobs resulting from prohibiting State Fire Marshal or local government sprinkler requirements for churches with a seating capacity less than 400 is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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